

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of the AGM Meeting

Date: Wednesday September 16, 2020

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Chris Sallis	Deep Cove/Strathcona
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Erik Skowronek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Suzanne Mazoret	Lynn Valley (authorized by G. Konst)
Val Hammerburg	Maplewood
Joe Pienaar	Maplewood
Stuart Porter	Maplewood
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Herman Mah	Pemberton Heights
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Val Moller	Woodcroft
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Regrets:

Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cover/Strathcona
Lorraine Harvey	Seymour

- 1. Welcome:** John welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7 pm. He then introduced Suzanne Mazoret, LVCA, filling in for Gillian Konst, and Joe Pienaar, who has recently joined Maplewood.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
- 3. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the February 19, 2019, regular meeting were approved.
- 4. Old Business:** DNV Meeting videos – to be found on YouTube, shortly. This project has been delayed as a result of technology changes during COVID.
- 5. New Business:**
 - 2020-21 Schedule of Meetings.** John opened discussion on possible topics for presentations at Special meetings. Topics suggested:
 - Bears in our neighbourhoods by the Conservation Officer or the Black Bear Society.
 - Representative of the Tsleil-Waututh on the Darwin redevelopment
 - Proposed Rapid Transit crossings for Burrard Inlet
 - Capilano University redevelopment plans

After discussion, it was agreed to arrange a presentation on Bears for the October meeting.

It was agreed to continue our pattern of alternating Regular/Special meetings. The meetings will be held using Zoom until room space for our group size is available. The schedule for 2020-21 will be:

September 16 – Regular	October 21 – Special	November 18 – Regular
January 20 – Regular	February 17 – Special	March 17 – Regular
April 21 – Special	May 19 – Regular	June 16 -AGM/Regular

Corrie spoke on inconsistent policies regarding DNV actions during the COVID pandemic. One examples is how use of roadways for patio spaces advantaged some restaurants over others (eg how closing 1 block of Gallant Ave disadvantages the Sushi Restaurant in the next block). Another topic is mandatory snow shovelling and impact on disabled or seniors. It was agreed to address this topic at our November meeting.

- b. **Proposal to amend Terms of Reference to increase number of directors from 6 to 7.** After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to increase the number of directors to 7 as this would avoid possible tie votes.
- c. **Election of Directors.** Four positions are available on the board of directors. Terms of three directors expired in June 2020 being Irene Davidson, Babs Perowne and Peter Teevan. Each retiring board member agreed to run again. Herman Mah was also nominated. As no further nominations were received, the four nominees were acclaimed to two year terms expiring in June 2022.
- d. **Appointment of Officers.** It was unanimously agreed the newly elected directors would determine the officers for the coming year.

6. Community Association Roundtable

- a. **Blueridge.** Eric A. reported that many events were cancelled included Blueridge Good Neighbour Days, and Dine en blue. The events were replaced with three rounds of care packages delivered to staff at Lions Gate Hospital, Berkeley Care Centre, and RCMP and Fire Department. The spring newsletter was published, as were the monthly email newsletters to 600 subscribers. A fall newsletter will be also be published. A creek cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, September 19.
- b. **Deep Cove.** Chris reported that they are still working on traffic calming and parking in the area and seeing some positive results. Gallant has one-way traffic for one block and they are hoping to remove all traffic. A pilot project for restaurants' patios on the road will continue until October. A survey on the Gallant pilot project is on the DNV website. Corrie asked if the street space is rented or gifted to merchants. Peter encouraged people to complete the survey (<https://www.dnv.org/gallant-pilot-project>). A brief discussion on liability insurance, equity and legality of the District's actions regarding the pilot project. (This subject will be discussed at the NVCAN November meeting.) It was mentioned that the Port Authority had completed the revision of their dock approval process and were now accepting applications for new docks.
- c. **EUCCA.** Corrie commented on the District's discussion on mandatory snow shovelling. He said that forcing snow clearing compromises lives of seniors, and that business do not adequately clear their snow. He also reported that snow had been brought in to Edgemont on Monday for filming purposes. Eric S. reported that all restaurants are open again. He also said the Grosvenor project is finished and a new project is underway (across from the library on Connaught) and will have 22 units. Eric S. mentioned that a

piece of equipment labelled Anonymous Traffic Survey had been mounted at Highland and Edgemont. There was an increase in the mouse/rat population and concern was expressed about rodenticide usage. While DNV/CNV do not use rodenticide, there is no ban on private individuals using it.

- d. **Lower Capilano.** John reported that the Block Party and Street cleaning projects were cancelled and the DNV cancelled the invasive plant pulls. Neighbours are being more vigilant regarding attempted home break-ins as more homeless people are wandering the neighbourhood. Photos of suspicious actions are being tracked on Facebook.
- e. **Lynn Valley.** Suzanne reported that Lynn Valley Days and parks clearing events were cancelled. The CA might have to postpone its AGM to 2021. The Christmas events are being modified. While the parade will take place, no kids' events will take place. Discussion is ongoing regarding the location for the Xmas trees and whether a permit will be issued.
- f. **Maplewood.** Stuart reported that they are proceeding with a litter pickup event. He also reported that Maplewood is pairing with Kenneth Gordon School to publish Issue #3 of the newsletter. Students will do some reporting, work on the publishing and assist in the distribution. Stuart also reported that the Maplewood area is effectively divided into three areas as Northwood CA will separate from Maplewood and be in the Innovation District. Another portion will be part of the projected Tsleil-Waututh redevelopment. Joe reported that he is connecting with local businesses and a barbeque is planned at the end of the litter pickup event.
- g. **Norgate.** Irene reported the last Norgate Park AGM was held June 19th 2019. They have been unable to organise a 2020 AGM owing to Covid-19 restrictions. However, they hope to hold an AGM by the end of 2020. She also advised the work on the North Shore Wastewater Treatment plant continues. There will be another concrete pour on September 21st and 23rd. Construction of pipework and connections is ongoing with traffic restrictions in effect. Irene said the North Vancouver Driver Licensing Centre will be moving to 1331 Marine Drive in the Norgate area. The development project at 1210-60 West 16th street will go to public hearing next. It is comprised of two four storey apartment blocks -one is market housing and the other is a rental building. There are concerns about the number of parking spaces provided, construction traffic and traffic circulation in this confined area. Also, one of the grain silos at Fibreco's North Vancouver terminal collapsed Friday September 11th. The cause is being investigated.
- h. **Pemberton Heights.** Herman reported Saplings Outdoor Program is a new tenant in the former Capilano United Church. They offer a pre-school program, before and after school care and are launching a K-3 program, which will follow the BC curriculum. He also reported that members of the community plan to put their gardening skills to work by volunteering with our annual clean-up of Ashdown Park. Date to be confirmed but will be on a weekend in October. Herman advised that the annual Kris Kringle Market & Tea usually held in the Community Hall has been cancelled this year. And he announced that community Groups, including youth soccer, basketball academy and North Shore Community Music Society will be renting space in our community hall.
- i. **Seymour.** Peter reported Parkgate days cancelled. Parkgate seniors programs have been on hiatus, some resuming just now. The interchange project and the westbound and eastbound traffic management has been very fluid all summer. The province have been doing utility work just outside Superstore. The district were doing utility work between Parkgate Avenue and Mt Seymour road. Signage was ineffective and every deadline was completely missed or is communicated. The Tatla/27 North Development is under construction and having a significant ongoing impact on westbound traffic. Promises

made during the Council approval process do appear to be being followed. Seymour CA chair, Lorraine Harvey, had a serious injury earlier this year broke her leg requiring surgery. She is recovering slowly at home. Now the Anthem/Seymour Estates proposal is in process, passing first reading on Monday. Seymour Community Association does not have consensus on the project except to say “we wish it was less dense”. On a personal point of view I endorsed the proposal before Council to go through first reading.

- j. Woodcroft.** Val M reported Construction is well underway for the projects already approved in the Lions Gate area. People are living in a construction zone. The new Lions Gate Lane (between Fullerton Ave. & Curling Rd.) has been surfaced and torn up again a couple of times due to not being in compliance with DNV - something to do with the grading. This in turn is causing a further delay for the new Community Centre, which is now two years behind.
- 7. Next Meeting: Special Meeting.** Wednesday, October 21, 2020.
- 8. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.